

WITH QUEENS AND ROOKS.

THE COMING ELECTION IN THE BROOKLYN CHESS CLUB.

MORE CONSOLIDATION TALK—WOMEN IN CHESS—NOTES FROM VARIOUS FIELDS—CORRESPONDENCE.

"A general annual meeting of the club will be held in the clubroom Saturday evening, October 3, when the election of officers for the ensuing year will occur, and such other business transacted as may come before the meeting. All members interested in the welfare of the club are urged to attend."

This is the notice given by Acting Secretary Herman Helms, of the Brooklyn Chess Club, to the members of the club. In former years this notice would not have called for any comment. The club had been prosperous, had achieved many gallant victories, and the election of new officers was almost a matter of form, as there was not a more harmonious lot of chess players than those affiliated with the Brooklyn club.

Things, however, have changed. The resignation of most of the officers, including President Marean, has greatly altered the prospects of the club, and it will, therefore, depend on next Saturday's election of officers whether or not the club will rise like a phoenix out of its ashes. It is generally believed that the club will come out with flying colors on Saturday. Those well informed about the views of the majority of members believe that the matter can be restored to a body of men will be ready to serve as officers, that the challenge for a return cable match will be accepted, that the necessary funds for carrying out the match can be raised, etc., in fact, they think that there will be a hot fight at the meeting, that matters will be thoroughly gone into, and that peace and future prosperity will be the outcome of it all.

"The London Times" made the following comments on the subject of the other week:

"The trophy won by the Americans in the cable match had not been long in the possession of the Brooklyn Chess Club when a definite challenge for a return match was dispatched from the British Chess Club. The British propose to play ten games instead of eight next time, and to have the match decided before March next. Unfortunately, the challenge reaches Brooklyn at a time when the club is divided by internal dissensions. These arise, strangely enough, through the desire of some members to promote a cycle of cable matches, Austria, France, Russia, Germany and others to be played in turn by America."

A general meeting of the members of the Manhattan Chess Club will be held on October 3. This meeting will also be an important one and for two reasons. First, the members will be called upon to elect a Nominating Committee, whose duty it will be to propose at the next meeting, to be held in January, a new Board of Directors. Next, the members will have another, a rather difficult job, namely, to endorse the action of the present Board of Directors in suspending a member of the club. The directors refused to talk about the matter, and all that can be made out is that a member, who, according to Section 5 of the constitution, must either have violated the rules and by-laws of the club, or conducted himself in a manner prejudicial to its interests or good name, had been suspended by the directors, and the suspension had therefore to remain in force until action can be taken by the club on October 3. The directors on that date will have to report the fact and the reason for its action, and the members may either expel or reinstate the member by a majority vote.

The procedure adopted against this member is one which has not occurred at the club for many years. If, at all, and, as stated, the members will have a difficult and unpleasant task to perform.

Rumor will have it that there is a project on foot to amalgamate the City and Metropolitan Chess clubs. Dr. O. P. Honninger, the president of the Metropolitan Chess Club, told a reporter of the Tribune that he had not been officially approached, and he also said that nothing official had been laid before his board. The same may be said as far as the directors of the City Chess Club are concerned. There is, however, one enthusiast, a member of both clubs, who has made the amalgamating business his study, and he thinks that a move would greatly further the interests of metropolitan chess. At present neither club can be said to be extremely prosperous. True, in both quarters there is activity, harmony and good will, and, as the saying goes, "they just make expenses," and no more. The Citizens have two scores of workers for the cause of chess, and they have an excellent library, while the "Mets" have some generous and liberal supporters, to say nothing of their enthusiasm, which has been the cause of much admiration in metropolitan chess circles. "The difficulty in carrying out the scheme," said a chess enthusiast, "is as to which club will make the first step, and what should be the name of the new organization, as neither club would like to lose its good name."

As regards the name there would be an easy way out of the difficulty by calling it the City and Metropolitan Chess Club, as regards the other difficulty, it would be advisable that the two presidents were to have an informal talk and after that to bring the matter before their respective clubs; the latter will have to settle the matter in the end, anyhow. However, there may be others who can suggest a better plan yet. The Tribune will be pleased to receive letters for publication on this subject from members of both clubs, and this might also bring the clubs a step nearer to the carrying out of the scheme.

By-the-way, the Citizens opened their season on Wednesday evening, September 24, with a members play in a handicap—rapid-transit team-tournament. After a couple of hours of play the tournament resulted as follows:

FIRST ROUND.			
Team A. vs. Team B.	Team C. vs. Team D.		
Limbeck 0 Argoud 1	Welch 0 White 1		
Martin 0 Bader 1	Rothing 0 Bader 1		
Heinicke 0 Lesser 1	W.S. Hunt 1 Goldner 0		
Schneider 1 A. Widmer 0	W. Widmer 0 Terker 1		
Schweitzer 0 Tobani 1	Ottens 0 F. Hunt 1		
Total... 2	Total... 5		

SECOND ROUND.			
A. vs. C.	B. vs. D.		
Limbeck 0 Argoud 1	Welch 0 White 1		
Martin 0 Bader 1	Rothing 0 Bader 1		
Heinicke 0 Lesser 1	W.S. Hunt 1 Goldner 0		
Schneider 1 A. Widmer 0	W. Widmer 0 Terker 1		
Schweitzer 0 Ottens 1	Ottens 0 F. Hunt 1		
Total... 4	Total... 5		

THIRD ROUND.			
A. vs. D.	B. vs. C.		
Limbeck 0 Argoud 1	Welch 0 White 1		
Martin 0 Bader 1	Rothing 0 Bader 1		
Heinicke 0 Lesser 1	W.S. Hunt 1 Goldner 0		
Schneider 1 A. Widmer 0	W. Widmer 0 Terker 1		
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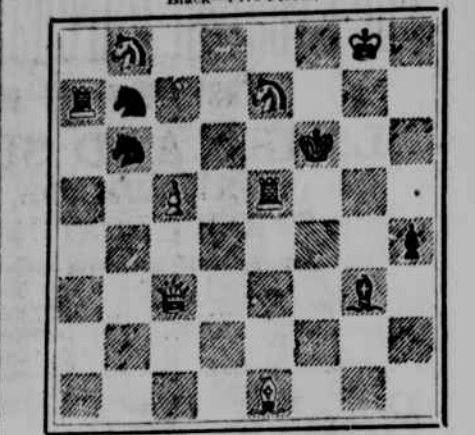
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proceeds with an effort to clear away the intervening pawns.
(c) Having explained in the foregoing note what Black's object was, he must be placed in a position to do so. White takes care of the intervening pawns.
(d) As White by her move of P-Kt 4 has effectively prevented the realization of Black's plan of playing Q-R 5, Black now endeavors in another way to utilize the position by the advance of her K P.
(e) Black must have been discouraged by his failure to force an attack. He could have protected his K P by K-R-Kt 1.
(f) This move altogether disposes of Black's further chances.

PROBLEM NO. 154—BY EMIL HOFFMANN.
Black—Five Pieces.

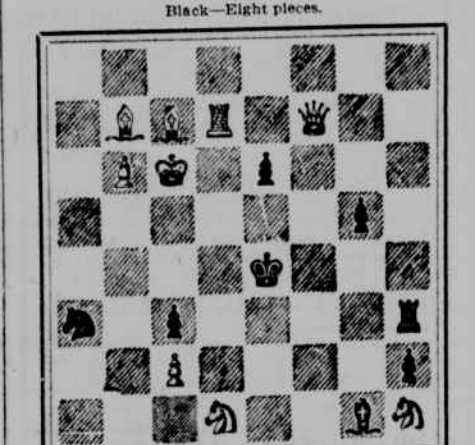


White—Eight Pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

CORRESPONDENCE.
Within the last week the following correspondence has reached The Tribune Office:
To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In position No. 150 I take off R at R 4 and the white B; then the key is P to Kt 6. I see neither beauty nor difficulty in the position given. To use a R when a P will do is as absurd as pulling a baby carriage around with a steam engine. No. 150 has two solutions. The P at K 6 should be at R 6; then the author's solution works. In this position I take off the Kt and pull back the P to K 4. Then the key is P to R 5. You will see how one evil thing leads on to another. This illegitimate move compels the white P to be placed at R 5; this white pawn forces on the black P at K 4, producing a defect in the movement of the black P at K 4. I send you a two-move by Mr. James Rayner, which is a masterpiece.
T. C.
Springfield, Mo., September 21, 1896.

PROBLEM NO. 155—BY JAMES RAYNER, LEEDS.
Black—Eight pieces.



White—Three pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: I am surprised at the liberties which your printer takes with the problems in your chess column. Mr. Gilbert's gem of a two-move is spoiled by the substitution of a pawn for a bishop at White's K Kt 3, and T. C.'s kind efforts to teach the youthful composer how to construct a "perfect block" are sadly spoiled by that triple array of black horsemen. Of course, every one will soon see that the Knights at White's Q R 4 and White's K 7 should be white. T. C. objects to unnecessary pieces on the board. So do I; but something must be done to restrain the erratic movements of that bishop at White's K R 4. The author's intention B K is very neat, but unfortunately B-Kt 3 at B-Kt 5 are equally efficacious. The first principle in the construction of a problem is that it should have but one key.
J. J. W.
No. 55 Broadway, New-York, September 21, 1896.

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: If T. C. will examine my problem (No. 148) a little closer, he will find that the Pawn at K R 5 is placed there in order to prevent a second solution.
B. W. ENGBERG.

Brooklyn, September 21, 1896.

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: I am a chess enthusiast. I live at No. 14 South Sixth-ave., Mount Vernon. Is there any one in that town who would like to have an occasional friendly bout?
JOHN GOODWIN.

The Tribune will withhold the solution of the last three problems until next week. J. J. W.'s letter corrects the misprints in the problems as printed last week.

DULNESS IN THE MARKET.

LAST WEEK, HOWEVER, AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THAT PRECEDING—CONFIDENCE OF REAL ESTATE MEN.

The last week in real estate was again a slow one, but it showed an improvement over the preceding week. The aggregate of the transactions by private contract reported by brokers was \$1,300,000. The prospect is that greater activity will be witnessed in the future. The prospect of McKinley's election has inspired investors and operators with confidence. They now feel that they can put money into realty without risk of a financial convulsion and an accompanying depreciation in values. Included in the sales of the week were the following:

Mandelbaum & Lewine sold the three-story brick dwelling No. 219 East Twenty-fifth-st., 25x50x9.5, on private terms.

Slawson & Hobbs sold for Margaret J. Mace (Maggie Mitchell) the three-story and a-half-story brick and stone dwelling, with three-story extension, at No. 226 West Seventy-ninth-st., for \$25,000.

Slawson & Hobbs sold for J. A. Frame & Son to the four-story brick and stone dwelling, lot 20x100.5, No. 2 West Sixty-ninth-st., on private terms.

Following is the record of conveyances, mortgages and buildings projected in New-York the last week compared with the corresponding week in 1895:

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